RTIP ID# (required) RIV09092

TCWG Consideration Date: 8/23/2011

Project Description (clearly describe project)

This segment of I-215 was completed in 2005 as part of the Riverside I-215 Corridor Improvement Project. The improvement consists of adding two HOV lanes, construction of direct fly-over connectors, and vertical and horizontal realignment of SR-91 to improve geometric and drainage facilities.

Within the project limits, I-215 consists of one (1) HOV lane, three (3) to four (4) mixed-flow lanes, 14 foot inside and 10 foot outside shoulders in each direction, divided by a concrete barrier. On the southbound direction, there are 4 mixed-flow lanes that start from I-215/SR-60/SR-91 Interchange (West Junction) and tapers down to 3 lanes at the Blaine Street interchange and continues with 3 lanes to University interchange with the addition of a short auxiliary lane connecting Blaine Street entrance ramp and University Avenue exit ramp.

The existing number 4 mix-flow lane was dropped at the vicinity of Blaine interchange where traffic from: (a) EB SR-60 (one HOV and three mix-flow lanes), (b) EB SR-91/SB I-215 fly-over connector (two mix-flow lanes), and (c) SB I-215/SB I-215 connector merge together.

It is proposed to extend the southbound existing number 4 lane from the Blaine Street entrance ramp to University Avenue exit ramp. The extension of the traffic lane is accomplished by restriping and utilizing most of the inside shoulder and at most two feet of the outside shoulder (see attached plans).

Type of Project (use Table 1 on instruction sheet) Change to existing state highway										
County Riverside	Narrative Location/Route & Postmiles In the city of Riverside, Route 215- PM 41.66 to PM 42.36 Caltrans Projects – EA# 0N890									
Lead Agency: Caltrans										
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Hot Spot Pollutant of Concern (check one or both) PM2.5 X PM10 X										
Federal Action for which Project-Level PM Conformity is Needed (check appropriate box)										
Categorical X Exclusion (NEPA)		EA Dra	or ift EIS	FONSI or Final EIS		PS&E or Construction	Other			
Scheduled Date of Federal Action:										
NEPA Delegation – Project Type (check appropriate box)										
Exempt			X Section 6004 – Categorical Exemption			Section 6005 – Non- Categorical Exemption				

Current Programming Dates (as appropriate)									
	PE/Environmental	ENG	ROW	CON					
Start	2/26/2010	9/1/2011	9/8/2011	7/12/2012					
End	9/30/2011	12/15/2011	1/16/2012	11/1/2012					

Project Purpose and Need (Summary): (attach additional sheets as necessary)

The purpose of the project is to:

- a. Relieve congestion from bottle neck caused by lanes dropped.
- b. Improve operational efficiency for vehicles on eastbound I-215.

The project is needed because:

- a. The deficiency is caused mainly by the existing number 4 mix-flow lane being dropped at Blaine interchange where traffic from connectors merges together.
- b. The operational deficiency is caused by the weaving traffic generated by the close proximity of the Blaine Street entrance ramp and University Avenue exit ramp.

Surrounding Land Use/Traffic Generators (especially effect on diesel traffic)

The study area contains commercial and residential land uses.

The project would not change land uses in any way that would result in additional diesel truck traffic to or from the study area.

Opening Year (2012): Build and No Build LOS, AADT, % and # trucks, truck AADT of proposed facility

Build- LOS: D, AADT:148,100, % and # trucks: 8% and 11,848, truck AADT of proposed facility:6280

No Build- LOS: F, AADT:148,100, % and # trucks: 8% and 11,848, truck AADT of proposed facility:6280 Note: truck AADT of proposed facility includes only soundbound traffic on I-215.

RTP Horizon Year / Design Year (2035): Build and No Build LOS, AADT, % and # trucks, truck AADT of proposed facility

Build- LOS:E, AADT: 194,600, % and # trucks: 10% and 19,460, truck AADT of proposed facility:10,313

 $\textbf{No Build-LOS:} F, \ \textbf{AADT:} 194,\!600,\!\textbf{\%} \ \textbf{and \# trucks:} 10\% \ \textbf{and} \ 19,\!460, \ \textbf{truck AADT of proposed facility:} 10,\!313$

Note: truck AADT of proposed facility includes only soundbound traffic on I-215.

Opening Year: If facility is an interchange(s) or intersection(s), Build and No Build cross-street AADT, % and # trucks, truck AADT N/A

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Describe potential traffic redistribution effects of congestion relief (impact on other facilities)

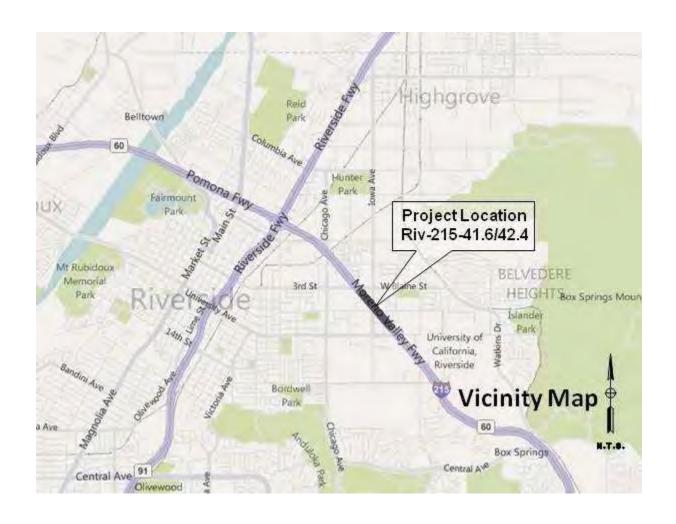
By converting part of the existing shoulder width to extend the existing number 4 mixed-flow lane further eastwards beyond SB I-215 University exit ramp, the bottle-neck effect at Blaine interchange would be reduced. Thus, it is anticipated that congestion will be reduced.

Comments/Explanation/Details (attach additional sheets as necessary)

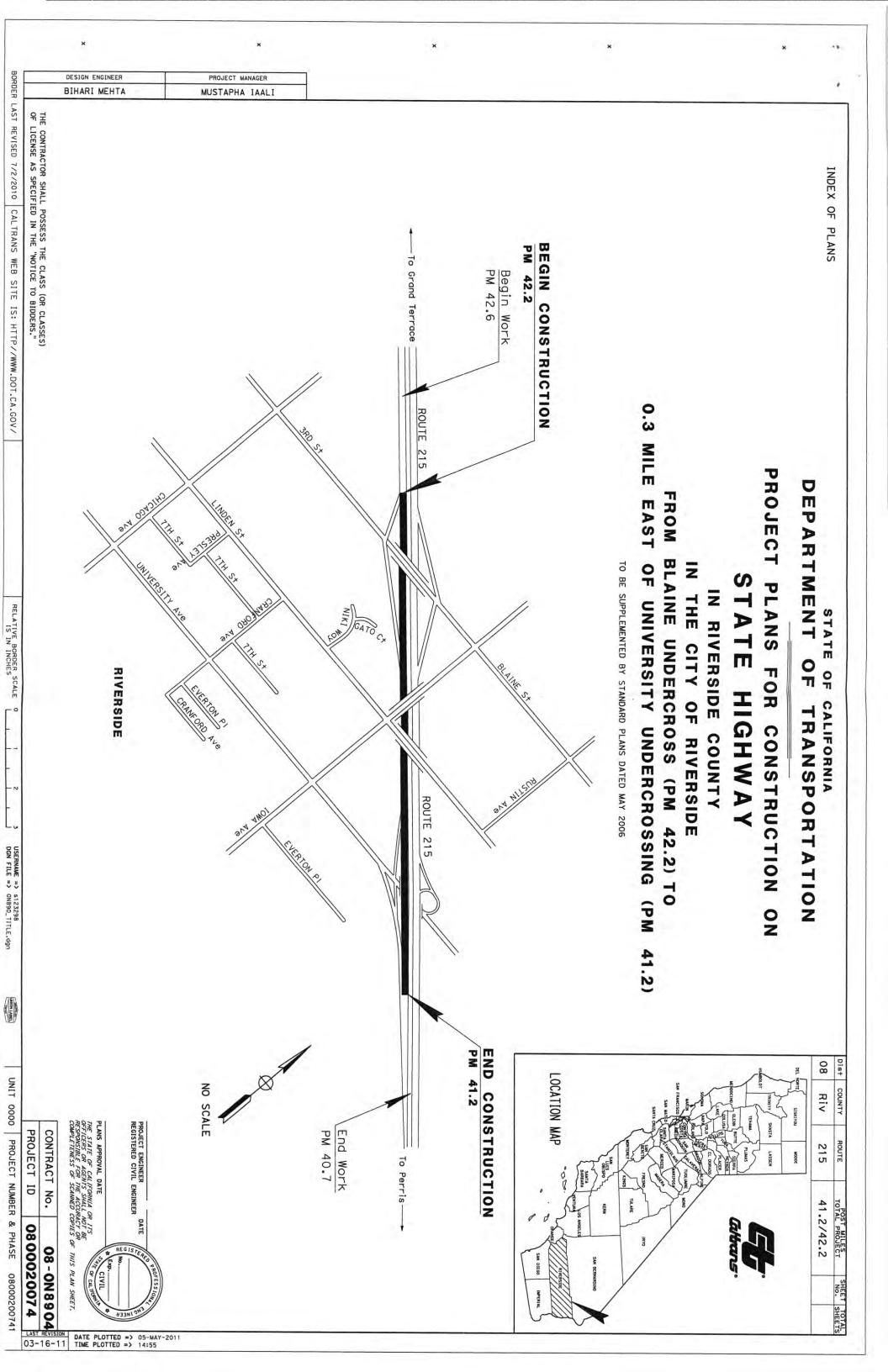
The project does not qualify as a POAQC for the following reasons:

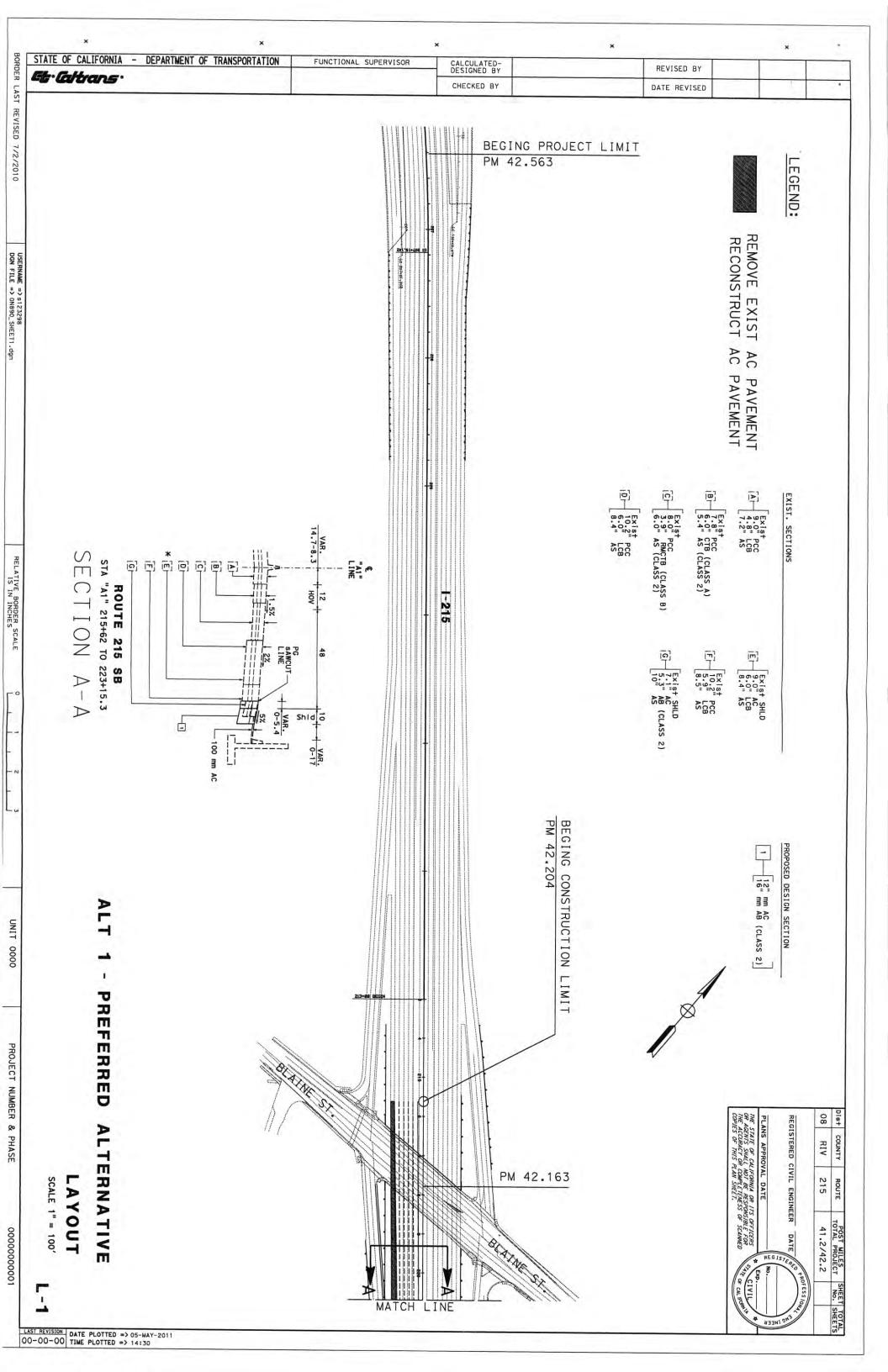
- 1. It is not a new or expanded highway project that would have a significant number of or increase in the number of diesel vehicles (40 CFR Section 93.123(b)(1)(i)). The project is to extend the existing southbound number 4 lane. The project would not increase the volume of traffic or the percentage of diesel vehicle traffic on I-215.
- 2. The percentage of diesel vehicles at the project is ten percent and would not increase as a result of the project (40 CFR Section 93.123(b)(1)(ii)). The project improves level-of-service and relieves congestion as discussed in "Describe potential traffic redistribution effects of congestion relief," above.
- 3. It is not a new bus or rail terminal or transfer point (40 CFR Section 93.123(b)(1)(iii)).
- 4. It is not an expansion of an existing bus or rail terminal or transfer point (40 CFR Section 93.123(b)(1) (iv)).
- 5. There currently is a PM10 Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request proposed for Coachella Valley in the county of Riverside. No areas of potential PM10 violations are identified in the proposed plan. Currently, there is no state implementation plan for PM2.5 and the proposed project is therefore not identified within an implementation plan as an area of potential violation. Pursuant to federal air quality guidelines a PM2.5 plan will be prepared by December 2012 (40 CFR Section 93.123(b)(1)(v)).

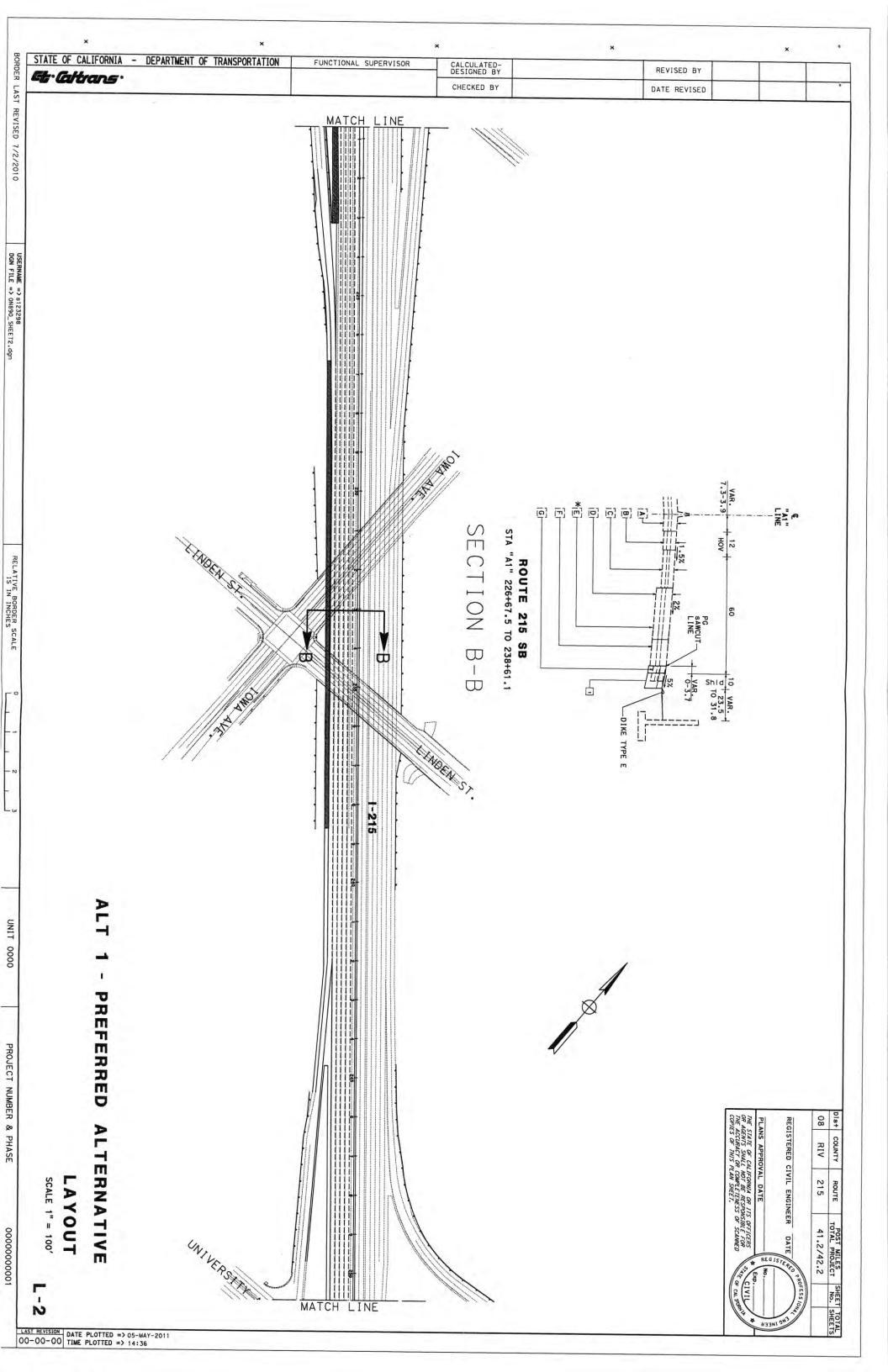
Therefore, the proposed project meets the Clean Air Act requirements and 40 CFR 93.116 without any explicit hotspot analysis. The proposed project would not create a new, or worsen an existing, PM10 or PM2.5 violation.

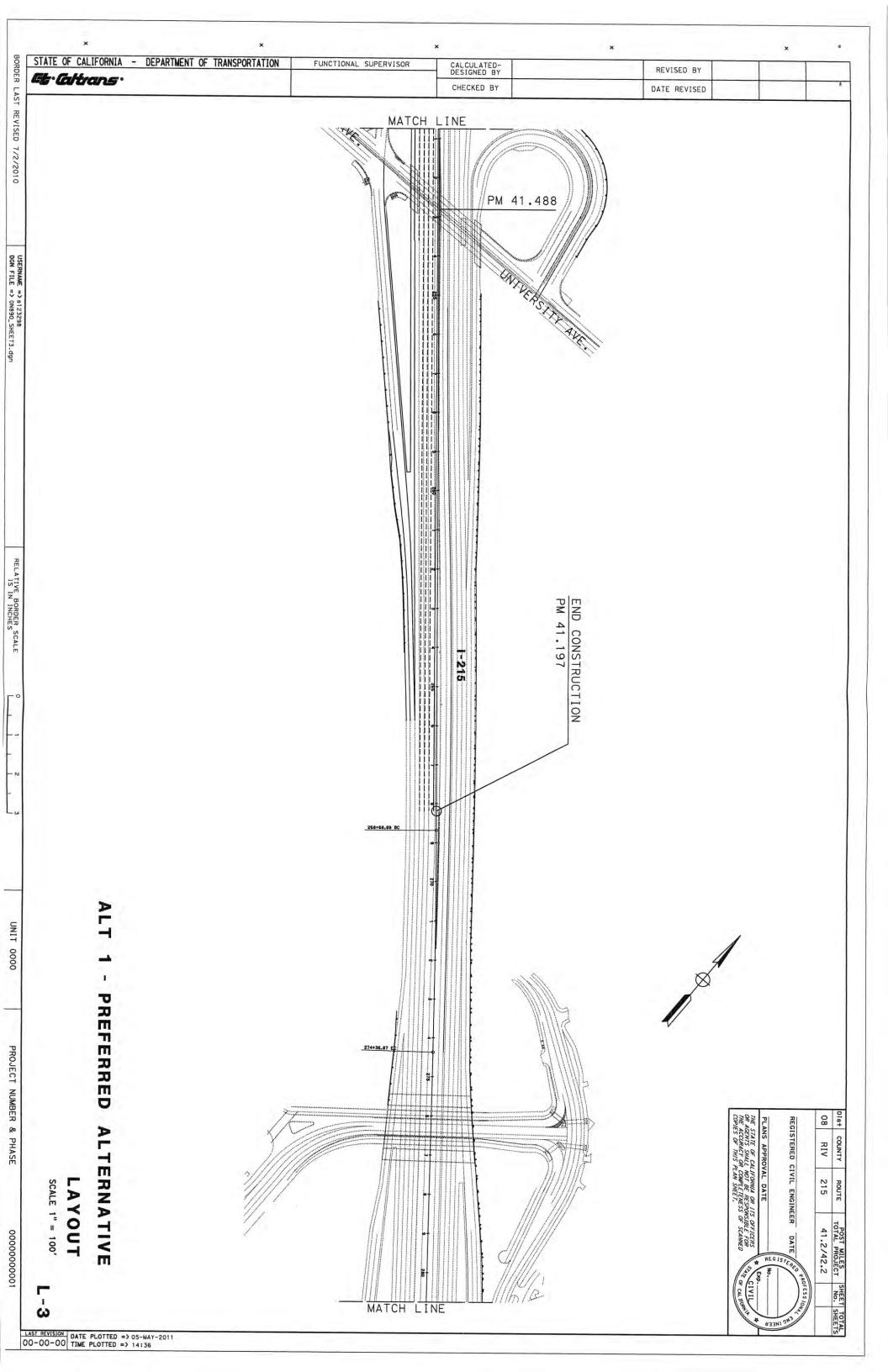


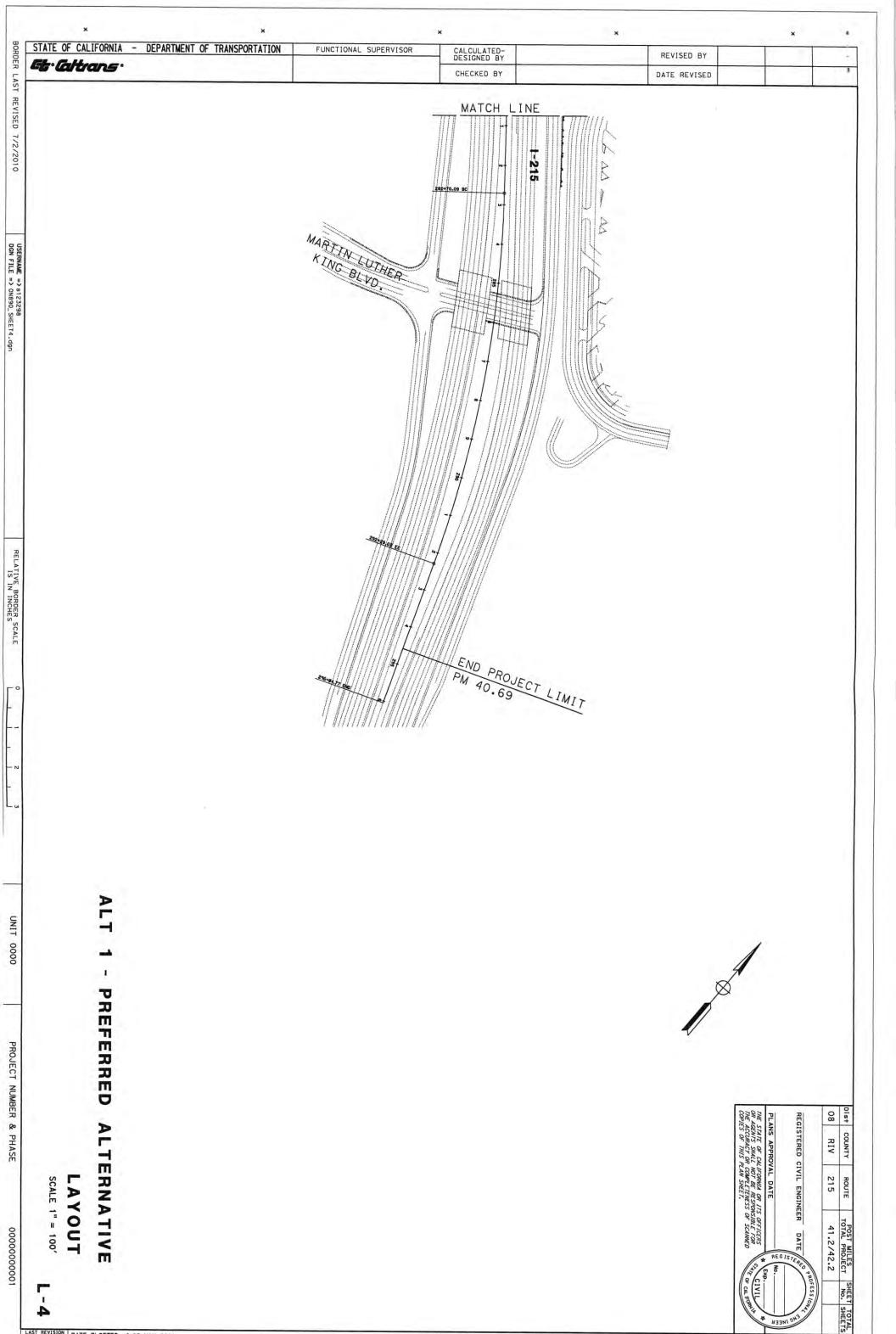




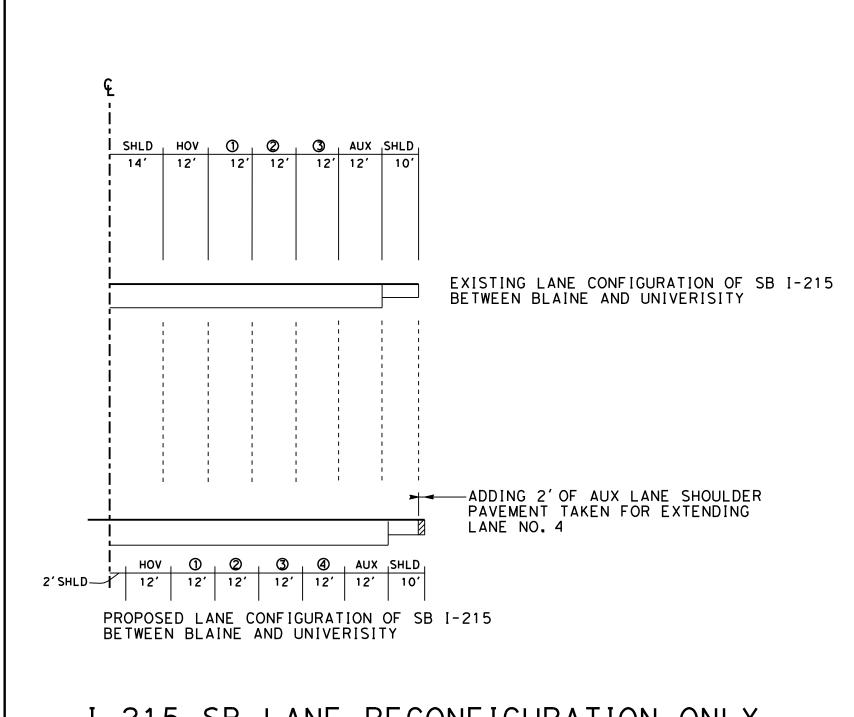








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